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KVP at the Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS

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25X1A 1. On 29 July [redacted] a KVP train, which had arrived from the direction of Cottbus, was unloaded in Weisswasser. The train included 20 boxcars, each occupied by about 30 KVPs with blue service color, armed with submachine guns and carrying gasmasks and baggage. The unit was picked

25X1C up by a major and a senior lieutenant, who wore yellow-bordered black epaulets and left toward Nohchten. The two officers had arrived on sedan [redacted]

2. On 30 July, the Weisswasser troop training grounds was occupied by an estimated 5,600 to 6,000 KVPs. Major Heinz Prokopf from Pirna was pilot officer. He wore yellow bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

3. Between late July and early August, the board fence of the tank firing range along the Nohchten-Borberg road was prolonged as far Borberg. Sixteen large round tents were pitched behind the fence. They quartered a total of about 280 KVPs with blue service color. On 28 and 29 July, eight T-34/85 tanks were seen at driving practice in Jagen (forest section) Nos 98, 99, 100, 113, 114 and 115. At the same time, reports of guns were heard from the tank firing range. Between 31 July and 2 August, only tank driving practice was held at the firing range. No reports of guns were heard. [redacted]

4. On 28 and 29 July, 600 to 800 KVPs practiced firing with submachine guns, rifles and heavy machine guns at the infantry training area. On 31 July, 300 to 400 men, including some with yellow-bordered and others with red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches, were firing with live ammunition with submachine guns, rifles and heavy machine guns at practice targets and aiming silhouettes. [redacted]

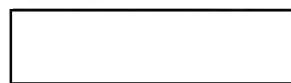
5. On 31 July, a tank car of fuel which was on the spur track to the ration supply depot, was being drained. The fuel was shipped toward Nohchten by tank trucks [redacted], each towing a trailer. On 1 August, a boxcar and a refrigerator car loaded with ration supplies arrived in the ration supply depot. [redacted]

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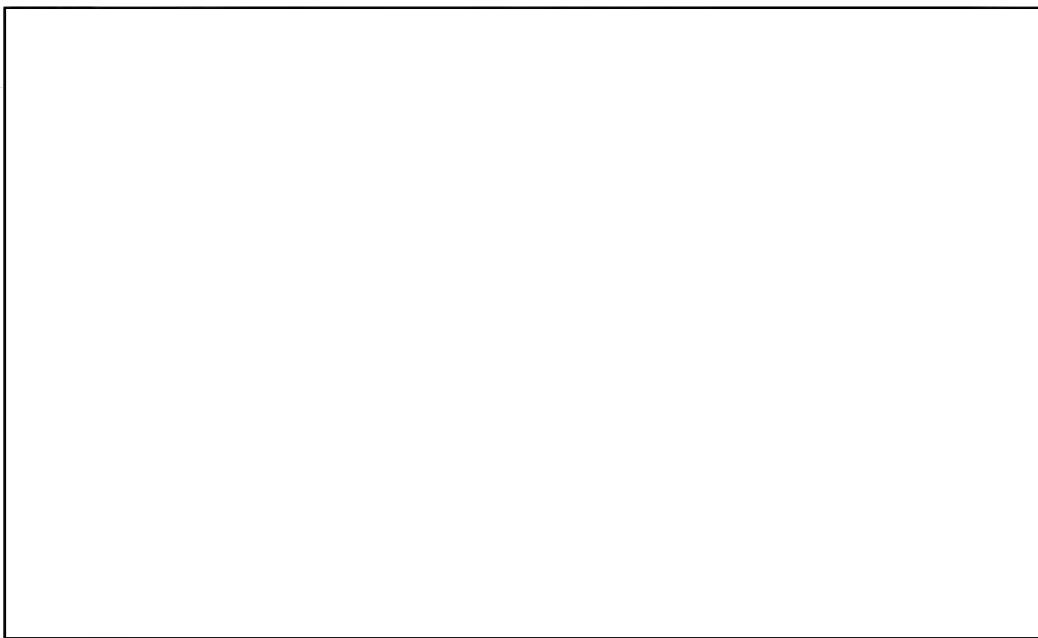
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1. Comment. The information tends to indicate that the Weisswasser troop training grounds is being occupied and the KVP units were trained according to schedule.

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